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7 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION (SPECIAL)

SUBJECT: Hazardous Pay

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 3 December 1951 from [REDACTED]  
to Director of Training on above subject

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1. As requested, I have reviewed the comments and recommendations of Mr. [REDACTED], and my own views are set forth below. I have also discussed these views with both Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and find them in general agreement.

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2. In regard to Mr. [REDACTED] general premise that compensation for extraordinary risk is generally included in the emoluments provided in their negotiated contracts, I do not agree. Moreover, I do not think this is a practical solution except in the case of a few individual agents engaged to undertake a mission of calculable risk. The obvious fact is that in most instances of contract agent employment, the degree of extraordinary risk is not foreseeable at the time of engagement. It is true that the normal risks of clandestine employment must be assumed to have been compensated in the terms of the negotiated contracts, but this is not generally true of extraordinary risks [REDACTED]

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3. For the above reasons, I am convinced that a sound Agency program of extraordinary hazardous duty benefits would be very applicable and useful in contracting for the services of agents.

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4. In regard to Mr. [REDACTED] premise that staff employees and staff agents should seldom be assigned to extremely hazardous missions, this is probably a sound security principle to be followed since staff employees and agents usually know too much about Agency operations to be exposed to such risk and are too easily identifiable with the Agency. However, the simple fact is that Agency employees and staff agents have, do, and would undertake extraordinary risk if the circumstances so required. If so, it is extremely doubtful if the Agency can call "time out", cancel the employment of the persons involved, and renegotiate their employment as contract agents with appropriate compensation for the hazards involved. It seems to me that Mr. [REDACTED] contemplates a "two platoon" operations force, one for normal hazards and one for extraordinary hazards. This is not operationally or administratively realistic.

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5. In regard to your specific inquiry as to the [REDACTED] personnel, the answer is that these persons are appointed employees of CIA who in anticipation of possible covert use have been processed in a semi-covert manner.

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Chief, Coordinating and  
Contracting Staff

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